

TO CONTROL MILITIA FUNDS.

GARRISON WANTS TO WITHHOLD PAY UNTIL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

Secretary of War Asks Statutory Amendment Making Companies Comply with Law Before They Can Draw Any Pay for Services.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Secretary of War Garrison has addressed to the Speaker of the house of representatives a communication of interest to South Carolina, asking that the militia statutes of the United States be so amended as to give him power to withhold Federal appropriations from State National Guard organizations which do not comply with the conditions prescribed by the war department.

The text of Secretary Garrison's communication is as follows:

"I submit herewith an item of legislation designed to regulate the expenditure of the annual appropriation for the organized militia made by Section 1,661, Revised Statutes as amended, requesting that it be referred to the committee on military affairs for consideration as to its inclusion in the Act making appropriation for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1915, and in case of favorable action by the committee suggesting its insertion immediately after the item 'Encampment and Manoeuvres, Organized Militia.' The item proposed is as follows:

"That hereafter the allotment to any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia from the annual appropriation... shall be available for the purposes specified by law only under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War to secure effective organizational field or camp service for instruction and generally increased field efficiency on the part of the organized militia."

"The necessity for this legislation arises from a late decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury, which practically leaves the Secretary of War powerless to exercise proper supervisory control over the expenditures of Federal appropriations for the organized militia."

"That such control is absolutely essential in order to insure a proper return to the Federal Government for its outlay in behalf of the organized militia has been amply demonstrated by experience and will be made clear by the war department in such hearings as the military committees may desire."

It is safe to affirm that there will be much said in the military committees of congress and on the floor of the house and senate in opposition to the proposed amendment before it is adopted, if it is ever adopted in the language suggested by Secretary Garrison.

There is more Otarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Otarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Sold for druggists and testimonials.

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BLIZZARD IN MIDDLE WEST.

Heaviest Snow of Season Covers Western States.

Chicago, Jan. 31.—A blizzard that brought the heaviest snow of the season struck the middle States today. Railroad traffic is delayed. The snow is six inches deep and piling in high drifts before the icy winds.

Don't You Believe It. Some say that chronic constipation cannot be cured. Don't you believe it. Chamberlain's Tablets have cured others—why not you? Give them a trial. They cost only a quarter. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

THE "FELLOW SERVANT" PLEA.

Columbia, Jan. 30.—The house passed yesterday the bill of Mr. Wyche of Spartanburg, abolishing the "fellow servant" plea and establishing the rule in regard to contributory negligence on the part of common carriers and manufacturing corporations.

How is Your Boiler? It has been stated that a man's stomach is his boiler, his body is his engine and his mouth the fire box. Is your boiler (stomach) in good working order or is it so weak that it will not stand a full load and not able to supply the needed energy to your engine (body)? If you have any trouble with your stomach Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. Many very remarkable cures of stomach trouble have been effected by them. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

NEWS FROM WISACKY.

Little Fertilizer Shipped in Yet—Farm Work Well Advanced.

Wisacky, Jan. 29.—We have certainly been blessed with fine weather for farm work, and farmers have made good use of it, for preparing lands for another crop. I have never seen more farm work done at this season of the year.

There was very little moving among the colored people and all commenced work the first Monday in January. There were a good many changes among the whites, which I hope will prove advantageous.

We were all greatly surprised when Mr. DeChamps announced that he was going to close up his mercantile business. Though it will inconvenience a great many to whom he made advances, yet, I think it was a wise conclusion on his part. His business had reached such wide dimensions that the strain was too great for one of his age. It is very probable that some other enterprising party will continue the business, as this is too fine an opening to be left idle. But I feel sure we will never have anyone to fill the place better than he has done.

No fertilizers have been shipped to this place so far, except some cotton seed meal. As far as I can learn there will not be as much used as formerly. According to my judgment this is wise, for the farmers pay out too much for commercial fertilizers which takes up most of the profits of the farm.

The health of Rev. J. S. Bethea has sufficiently improved to allow him to resume his work again, much to our delight. Most of his appointments have been filled during his sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Scott spent the past week at the home of their daughter, Mrs. W. W. McCutcheon.

Mr. Leland Dent of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting friends in our midst.

Mr. R. M. Cooper has a fine lot of beef cattle ready for market, which will soon be shipped to northern markets.

Most of the hogs in this section have been sold on foot, as it is found more profitable to do so, rather than feed away so much to them, and run the risk of losing the meat in curing.

PROFESSORS FIGHT FIRE.

Battle with Flames until Department Arrives—Little Damage.

Spartanburg, Jan. 29.—Forming themselves into a fire fighting brigade and dragging slippery hose around the campus, amid showers of fleecy lingerie thrown from windows by winsome girls, the professors of Converse college this morning fought climbing flames until the city fire department arrived. Fire caught in the stairway leading from the first to the second floor of the main building and the flames were leaping upward when discovered.

The professors of the college attached a hose to a nearby hydrant and were fighting the fire when the department arrived. By quick and efficient work the flames were gotten under control with only nominal damage. The loss is estimated at \$1,500. The classes at the college were only interrupted for a short time, and after the fire was put out the institution assumed its usual routine.

HAND TO HEAD COLLEGE.

High School Inspector Accepts Offer of Anderson College.

Anderson, Jan. 29.—William H. Hand, State inspector of high schools, was today unanimously elected president of Anderson college by the board of trustees and he has accepted the position, to take charge on July 1. For more than a year the college trustees have been trying to get Prof. Hand for the head of Anderson college, but he declined the presidency when offered to him several months ago, saying that his work for the State was not well enough established for him to leave it and make the change.

During the last few weeks the offer was reopened and Prof. Hand said that he would consider the proposition as conditions had changed.

The board met today, after being entertained at dinner at the college, and Prof. Hand was offered the position for the second time. He accepted to take charge July 1.

The Rev. J. F. Vines, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, accepted the presidency temporarily about one year ago. He wishes to retire from the office in order that he may give all of his time to the pastorate of his church, the largest in the State.

Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effective and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

CLARENDON COUNTY COURT.

Many Cases Tried—Grand Jury's Presentment.

Manning, Jan. 29.—Court of General Sessions is moving along rapidly and the jail is being quickly cleared. Already four murder cases with several others for minor offences have been tried. There have been about five pleas of guilty entered, mostly for violation of the prohibition law.

The grand jury today finished its work and made the final presentment, in which it was recommended that the money-launder shops charging exorbitant interest be prosecuted to the full extent of the law; also that four rural policemen be appointed for the county to suppress the unlawful carrying of concealed weapons and the sale of whiskey, and the grand jury called upon the officers and people of the county at large to assist such policemen in these efforts. They also recommend the employment of an expert accountant to audit the books of the various county offices, and expressed their unqualified approval in favor of a compulsory education law, compelling all white children from seven to fifteen years of age to attend school at least three months in each year. They also stated that the Probate Judge was, in their opinion, charging more for marriage license fee than allowed by the statute, and asked the construction of this statute by the court.

There is yet plenty of work to keep the court going the balance of the week, if not into next week, this being one of the heaviest criminal dockets for Clarendon county in many years.

Buying to Save Money.

*Buying Foley's Honey and Tar Compound saves money because just a few doses stop the cough and cold and one bottle lasts a long time. It quickly heals raw and inflamed surfaces, stops tickling throat, harsh, rasping coughs, croup, hoarseness, bronchial and la grippe coughs. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

TO SELL STATE FARMS.

Senate Begins Debate on McLaurin Bill—Text of Measure.

Columbia, Jan. 29.—The McLaurin bill to sell the State farms, which was debated in the senate last night and comes up again today after third reading bills, is as follows, in the form that was in last session:

"Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina:

"Section 1. That all farm lands owned by the State and under control of the State penitentiary, except the farm in Lexington county, used as a reformatory for colored youths, be, and the same is hereby, turned over to the commissioners of the sinking fund to be sold by them in small tracts, upon such terms as they may deem advantageous to the State, and invest the proceeds of such sale so as to be used for the payment of the bonded debt of the State as the same may become due: Provided, That said lands be held by the authorities of the State penitentiary until January 1, 1914, at which time they are to be turned over to the commissioners of the sinking fund or to such persons who have contracted to purchase same: And provided, further, That the commissioners of the sinking fund may rent or lease said lands from year to year until a satisfactory sale can be made.

"Sec. 2. That all able-bodied male convicts shall hereafter be sentenced to hard labor upon the public works of the county in which convicted, if such county maintains a chain gang, and in the alternative, to imprisonment in the county jail or State penitentiary at hard labor. That all disabled male convicts and female convicts shall be sentenced to the State penitentiary or the county jail at such labor as they may be able to perform.

"Sec. 3. That in case any county shall not maintain a chain gang the able-bodied male convicts in such county shall be sentenced to hard labor in the State penitentiary as now provided by law.

"Sec. 4. That the presiding judge shall have power by special order to direct that any person convicted before him be confined in the State penitentiary if it is considered unsafe or unwise for such convict to be committed to the county chain gang.

"Sec. 5. That on January 1, 1914, the superintendent of the State penitentiary is hereby directed, upon the request of the county supervisors to turn over to them such able-bodied male convicts as shall then be confined in the State penitentiary as were committed from their respective counties.

"Sec. 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

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ORGANIZE SUFFRAGE CLUB.

Women of Spartanburg Will Work for Equal Suffrage.

Spartanburg, Jan. 29.—Believing that the time for the study of the question of woman's suffrage is past and believing that an aggressive campaign should be waged for the right of the ballot, the leading society women of Spartanburg met in the assembly room of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon and organized the Equal Suffrage club.

Mrs. John Gary Evans, wife of a former governor of the State, was elected president. Other officers are: Mrs. Helen Holland, vice president; Mrs. Victor Montgomery, treasurer, and Miss E. Gwynn, secretary. The club will apply to the secretary of state for a charter and will affiliate with the national association.

The Equal Suffrage club is the reorganized New Era club, which was formed primarily for the purpose of studying the question of votes for women.

LaGrippe Leaves its Victims Prostrate.

*Some victims of la grippe never fully recover the health of the lungs, and persistent coughing is weakening. The quick action of Foley's Honey and Tar makes it valuable in severe la grippe coughs. F. G. Prevost, Bedford, Ind., writes: "LaGrippe left me with a severe cough that Foley's Honey and Tar cured, and I am back to my normal weight." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

The Speer Case.

Savannah, Jan. 31.—When the investigation of Judge Speer was resumed here today Judge Samuel Adams, once member of the Supreme Court, was the first witness. He testified that he had known Speer since 1868 when they were college boys together. He said Speer was essentially partisan, moody uncertain, variable and could not help taking sides in case. In the Greene-Gaynor case the jury was drawn from certain counties. In another case Judge Speer directed that certain jurymen be drawn from certain counties.

Judge Speer went on the stand and his counsel questioned him. Answering Judge Speer said: "The statement that I threatened to put any one in jail that suggested disqualifying me is absolutely untrue."

He was always disqualified in cases where Talley and Heyward were retained on contingent fees. He stopped the partnership of Talley and Heyward in the Greene-Gaynor case because Talley was interested. He never made Talley and Heyward receivers, never had anything to do with the employment of Isaac and Heyward on forming their partnership. Asked concerning the row with Akerman Judge Speer charged Akerman with being allied with the liquor interests and that Akerman nolle-prossed several internal revenue cases, Speer thought should be prosecuted. Two of these cases were against houses of debauchery where liquor was sold to aid prostitution. These cases are yet unprosecuted.

Judge Speer generally denied charges against him. After a short examination by the committee he left the stand.

Chairman Webb announced that this concludes the hearing in Savannah. "We now stand adjourned subject to the call of the chairman."

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S. B. Mitchell has been elected a member of the executive committee of the State Poultry Association.

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Out of sorts, depressed, pain in the back—Electric Bitters renews your health and strength. A guaranteed liver and kidney remedy. Money back if not satisfied. It completely cured Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Iowa, who suffered from virulent liver trouble for eight months. After four doctors gave him up, he took Electric Bitters and is now a well man. Get a bottle today; it will do the same for you. Keep in the house for all liver and kidney complaints. Perfectly safe and dependable. Its results will surprise you. 50c and \$1.00. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis.

The local basket ball players have been practicing every night for the past week and will practice every evening of this week from 7 to 8 o'clock in order to be in trim to put up a good game, when the Columbia Y. M. C. A. team comes here, which will be in about two weeks.

Horrible Blistches of Eczema.

Quickly cured by Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. C. P. Caldwell, of New Orleans, La., states: "My doctor advised me to try Dr. Hobson's Ointment and three caks of Dr. Hobson's Derma Zema Soap. Today I have not a spot anywhere on my body and can say I am cured." It will do the same for you. Its soothing, healing, antiseptic action will rid you of all skin humors, blackheads, pimples, and leaves your skin clean and healthy. Get a box today. Guaranteed. All druggists, 50c, or by mail, Pfeiffer Botanical Co., Philadelphia & St. Louis.—Advt.

REPORT IN SIMEON ELLIS CASE.

Committee Finds That he Was Whipped for Infraction of Rules and Given Electric Shocks for Treatment.

Columbia, Jan. 28.—The committee on Penal and Charitable Institutions of the senate today reported on the Simeon Ellis case. Simeon Ellis, a life term, was paroled last year by the governor and later Gov. Bleasent up a special message in which the following issues were raised:

1. Was Simeon Ellis cruelly whipped?

2. Was the electric battery applied to him for treatment or for punishment?

The report of the Penal and Charitable Institution is as follows:

"Message Number 44 of the governor, in reference to the punishment of Simeon Ellis, a convict in the State penitentiary, was referred by the senate to the committee on Penal and Charitable Institutions at the last session, requesting said committee to report its findings in reference to said message back to the senate at said session. The committee was not able to make its report to the senate at the last session on account of lack of time, and begs leave now, to submit the following report of its findings in reference to the punishment of Simeon Ellis, to the senate. The message of the governor, and all the testimony taken by the committee is attached to this report.

The committee confined its investigation solely to the case of Simeon Ellis, to whom the message of the governor referred.

Simeon Ellis was a life prisoner in the State penitentiary, and was working at the time of the punishment administered to him under a guard of the penitentiary on the streets of the city of Columbia.

The testimony taken in the case shows that Simeon Ellis asked the guard to be allowed to speak to the governor, who was at the time passing on the street, and the guard refused to allow him to speak to the governor, the guard claiming that he had no right to allow prisoners to speak to anyone, while on duty. Ellis told the guard that he would speak to the governor anyway, and thereupon threw down the tool with which he was working, went and spoke to the governor, in defiance of the order of the guard, who had Ellis in his custody. This happened on Saturday On Sunday following the guard reported the matter to Captain Sondley, and he ordered Simeon Ellis to be whipped. The whipping was administered by Mr. Wilson.

The committee made a physical examination of the prisoner on Wednesday, the 25th of February, 1913, and found signs of the whipping on the back of the prisoner, the skin being plainly discolored. He was whipped on Sunday and this examination was made on the Wednesday following.

It is admitted by all that institutions of this kind must have rules and regulations for the conduct of the prisoners and that these rules must be enforced; it is necessary to apply punishment according to the grade of the offense, but at the same time the punishment should be administered judiciously and conservatively. Simeon Ellis, according to the testimony, was not a good prisoner, and had been disobedient at other times. He willfully disobeyed the order of the guard, and was whipped for so doing.

Your committee finds that he was very severely whipped. This is the conclusion reached on this point by the committee, on the testimony submitted to the committee, and your committee would advise against whipping of such severity in the future.

The next issue raised by the message of the governor is: Was the electric battery applied for treatment, or for punishment?

Your committee finds in this case that the electric battery was not applied for torture or punishment, but for treatment. The prisoner was subject to spells or fits, according to the testimony, and whether the doctor was right or wrong in his diagnosis of the case or as to the remedy to be applied, the committee is of the opinion that the purpose of the use of the electric battery in this instance was for treatment. Ellis had been treated for this ailment before by application of the electric battery. The electric battery was applied in this instance on Monday morning after the whipping on Sunday, the testimony conclusively shows that he was taken with one of these spells on Monday and carried to the hospital for treatment, when the electric battery was applied.

The attention of the senate is directed to the testimony taken in this case, which is herewith submitted; and to the message of the governor referring to this matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

G. K. Laney, Chairman. Committee on Penal and Charitable Institutions.

Mr. E. S. Welch, of Wisacky, was in town Thursday.

COTTON FUTURES MEASURE.

Clifton's Bill to Prohibit Speculation by Textile Men.

Columbia, Jan. 29.—In the senate Mr. Clifton has introduced a bill to prohibit the speculation in cotton, futures and cotton fabrics by officers of textile corporations. It reads:

"Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of South Carolina:

"Section 1. That no officer or director of any textile corporation, incorporated under the laws of this State or any other State, engaged in the manufacture of cotton fabrics in this State shall buy cotton or cotton futures in excess of the actual reasonable contractual needs of the said textile corporation.

"Section 2. Copies of all contracts for the purchase of cotton or cotton futures, or contracts for the sale of cotton fabrics shall be filed with the insurance commissioner of this State within three days after the making of any of said contracts. Any loss or debts that may arise out of contracts made by said officers, not so filed, shall not constitute a lien or valid claim upon the property of said textile corporation whose officers so contract.

"Section 3. Any person who is a stockholder in any such corporation may obtain a copy of any contract so filed with said insurance commissioner with proof that the said person is a bona fide stockholder in such textile corporation.

"Section 4. It shall be the duty of the insurance commissioner to take such steps as are necessary to enforce the provisions of this act.

"Section 5. That this act shall go into effect immediately upon its approval by the governor.

SUMTER MAN'S LUCKY FIND.

Will Interest Readers of the Item.

Those having the misfortune to suffer from backache, urinary disorders, gravel, dropsical swellings, rheumatic pains, or other kidney and bladder disorders, will read with gratification this encouraging statement by a Sumter man.

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